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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TENNECO CASE

1. BULCHA DEMEKSA TOLD AF/E DIRECTOR AT DINNER LAST NIGHT THAT ETHIOPIAN VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE WHO CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, STATED PRIVATELY TO HIM THAT IEG WOULD BE WILLING RELEASE NUMBER OF ELF PRISONERS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF TENNECO FIVE. ONLY CAVEAT WHICH VICE MINFIN HAD, ACCORDING BULCHA, WAS THAT ELF PRISONERS SHOULD BE LITTLE-KNOWN INDIVIDUALS AND NOT GUILTY OF ANY SERIOUS CRIMES. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR IEG TO RELEASE ANY "NAME" PRISONERS OR HARD CRIMINALS. IN COMMENTING ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH VICE MINFIN, BULCHA EXPRESSED STRONG VIEW THAT IEG WOULD INDEED BE WILLING TO TAKE SUCH ACTION.

2. OBVIOUSLY THESE CONVERSATIONS STRICTLY UNOFFICIAL AND SHOULD NOT OF COURSE BE REPEATED TO IEG OFFICIALS IN ADDIS. NEVERTHELESS FACT THAT VICE MINFIN MADE SUCH STATEMENTS MAY BE INDICATIVE OF THINKING OF CERTAIN CIRCLES IN IEG AND MIGHT PROVIDE SOME BASIS FOR COMPROMISE IN OVERCOMING ANY IMPASSE WITH ELF OVER RELEASE OF PRISONERS. KISSINGER

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